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mean the rattan spiral. Berlin VI.
16182 is merely a rattan spiral of
a bark belt.

- 884 Only when the father or some other relative of the boy
29/ is able or is inclined to give the village a feast for him may he
put on the apron [Schurz, "apron, kilt"], often [82] [Figs. 11,
12, and 13 appear here] [83] not until he has long been an adult (1).

1. Joest in Baessler, p. 376.

29/ The aprons of the men (Figs. 14 and 54¹) are woven out of banana
286 fiber (2), are usually made with attractive black patterns,
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2. Joest in Baessler, p. 376. Name of
the apron, niwega = banana.

particularly on the ends, and are decorated with tufts of finer
banana fibers knotted in. They are fringed at the ends. They
are drawn between the legs and over the belt, front and back;
[Fig. 14 appears here] if they are very long, they are tucked in
at one end or the other, as may be necessary (3). In the photo-

3. Cf. pp. f. Dalrymple, p. 78.
Coote, p. 158. Dewar, p. 246.
Markham, p. 164. Edge-Partington,
I, 154. The Berlin VI 8357 and 16402
aprons are certainly not from Santa
Cruz, but possibly from the Ellice
Islands.

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graphs (Figs. 20 and 22) one sometimes also sees a chain of shell
beads worn over the belt and the apron, [84] [Fig. 15 appears
here] which apparently is exactly like the necklaces (1).

1. Edge-Partington, I, 166, No. 6.

[cf. category 116, pp. 24 and 102 -- Analyst.]

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erroneously speaks, does not occur; the statement is based on a misunderstanding of Joest's account). Codrington, p. 232.

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During the first years of his life, the boy lives in the house of his parents. After an unspecified time, he begins to stay in the bachelors' house during the day, but returns home at night, until one day he stays away entirely and then lives in the bachelors' house altogether (6). At the age of eight or ten, he abandons

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6. Codrington, pp. 231f. Concerning the life of the unmarried men in the bachelors' houses of Vanikoro, cf. Dillon, p. 249.

the childish hair style, which consists of a narrow sagittal comb bleached with lime, while the rest of the head is evenly shaved. Now this comb is shorn off and the hair is worn uniformly short (7).

7. Joest in Baessler, p. 377 (cf. above, pp. 8f.)

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The declaration of maturity, which is done by donning the apron -- prior to this the boy at most wears [145] a waistband -- depends on the ability of the father or the kin group to give a feast, at which a pig is slaughtered, and usually only comes about after the youth has already grown a beard (1). On Vanikoro

1. Joest in Baessler, pp. 375f.;
Tagebuch, pp. 46, 57, 75.
Codrington, p. 232.

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children go naked until they are about ten years old (2). Joest,

2. Dillon, p. 276.